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SUBJECT: PRAVDA ON EXPULSION OF SOVIET ADVISORS FROM SUDAN

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1. PRAVDA'S "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY VALENTIN GURGENOV MAY 22 CONTAINS FIRST MENTION OF "RECALL" OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS FROM SUDAN. ARTICLE NOTES RECENT, BROAD ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN SUDAN AND DESCRIBES AND REBUTS ACCUSATIONS BY SUDANESE MEDIA AND SUDANESE OFFICIALS OF SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. GURGENOV DESCRIBES SOVIET SUPPORT FOR SUDAN IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR GENUINE INDEPENDENCE AND FREEDOM, AND RECALLS THAT SOVIET EQUIPMENT AND MILITARY SPECIALISTS WERE SENT TO SUDAN IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST OF SUDANESE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, HE ADDS, IN CONDITIONS OF UNFRIENDLY RELATIONS TO SOVIET UNION ADOPTED BY SUDA-

NESE AUTHORITIES, AND WITH DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTRY, "THE FURTHER STAY OF THESE SPECIALISTS IN SUDAN HAS BECOME INEXPEDIENT AND THEY, NATURALLY, HAVE BEEN RECALLED."

3. ARTICLE EMPHASIZES THAT "WAVE OF ANTI-SOVIETISM" HAS COINCIDED WITH VISITS OF A NUMBER OF SUDANESE OFFICIALS TO WASHINGTON, RIYADH, AND SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS, AND CONCLUDES THAT CAMPAIGN SERVES INTERESTS OF THOSE IMPERIALIST CIRCLES AND REACTIONARY FORCES WHICH FEAR THE VERY THOUGHT OF FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF SOVIET-SUDANESE AND SOVIET-ARAB FRIENDSHIP.

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